St. Augustine

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May 26, 2024 The Most Holy Trinity

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations."

-Mt 28:19

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Saturday Vigil: 4:15 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

All Masses are Interpreted for the Deaf

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday: 5:30 pm Civic Holidays: 10:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm

or by appointment

PARISH OFFICE

Monday - Saturday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

SACRAMENTS

Call the parish office to prepare for sacraments such as baptisms, weddings, first communion and confirmation.

Welcome!

We are "A Samaritan Church with a Missionary Heart"



Welcome to St. Augustine!

No matter what your present status is in the Catholic Church, no matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, disability, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, or spirituality, or marital situation. No matter your own self-image or holiness or virtue. You are invited, accepted, and respected here at St. Augustine Parish.

Our Clergy

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Loving God,
For all who feel on the margins,
But who are at the center of your heart,
We ask you to open our hearts.
Help us to become a church and a nation where:
All lives have dignity,
All people are loved,
And all are welcome!
Amen

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday | Trinity Sunday

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

Monday | St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday

1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday | St. Paul VI, Pope

1 Pt 1:18-25; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 10:32-45

Thursday

1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5; Mk 10:46-52

Friday | Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56

Saturday | St. Justin, Martyr

Jud 17, 20b-25; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday | Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Ex 24:3-8; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Prayers and Offertory

If you or a family member are sick, please call the Parish Office or email ministry@StAugustineCleveland.org to add the name to this list. Names will be listed in the bulletin for 6 weeks. Please let us know if this time period needs to be extended. We want to know how you are doing and want to offer you the support of our prayers.

Pat Abraham	Char Augustine	Dorothy Barr	Patti Cook	Ilona Cykman
Ellen Ferrari	Mike Furey	John Garneau	Susan Grieken	Michael Hogan
Debbi Kasper	Ella McGowan	Fr. Joe McNulty	Nora Orozco	Bridget Patton
Mike Perciado	Sharon Rivera	Sheila Rock	Andrea Slosar	Richard Slosar
Mary Smith	Mary Solderitsch	Nora Thomas	Norma Turner	Nancy Van Gieson
Millie Vargas	Carl Zelinski, Sr.	Tammy Zubek		

And for all those who are ill, home-bound, elderly, in nursing care, living with a chronic illness, or living on the margins, we pray.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 25

† Paul and Ann Dylyn 4:15 pm

Sunday, May 26

8:30 am St. Augustine Parishioners

11:00 am † Bob Kopcak

Monday, May 27

10:00 am † Veterans

Tuesday, May 28

5:30 pm † Lillian Mihalik

Wednesday, May 29

5:30 pm Special Intention

Thursday, May 30

† Anne Ody 5:30 pm

Friday, May 31

5:30 pm † Howard Flower

Saturday, June 1

† Pat Field 4:15 pm

Sunday, June 2

St. Augustine Parishioners 8:30 am

† Curt Treska 11:00 am

† Deceased

Offertory— May 18th and 19th

Regular Collection \$895.10 Other: \$53.00

Total Collection

\$948.10

Pope Francis' May Prayer Intention

For the Formation of Religious and Seminarians



We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

"Jesus knows we are sinners; he knows we make many mistakes, but he does not give up on joining his life to ours. He knows that we need the Eucharist, because the Eucharist is not the reward of saints, but the bread of sinners. This is why exhorts us: "Do not be afraid! Take and eat." ~Pope Francis

Donate online

We are deeply grateful for your generosity in your weekly contribution to St. Augustine Parish. Your kindness and support enable us to provide for the needs of our parish and community.

Please consider our Parish's E-giving option through PayPal. It is easy and secure. Visit our parish website, www.StAugsutineCleveland.org and click donate.

Thank you for your financial support.



Love Without Measure...

Do you know what sin is attacked more than any other in the Bible? I bet if I took a survey today, very few would get it right. It is the sin of idolatry. The very first of the Ten Commandments is "I am the Lord your God, you shall not have false gods before m." It seems in the very long history between Israel and God, Israel was frequently tempted to turn away from the one true God and to begin to worship the pagan gods of their neighbors. When things were going poorly, when the Jewish people could not understand what Yahweh was about, they were always tempted to believe that if they worshipped another God, if they worshipped one of the idols of stone or wood, their lives would be better. Perhaps the idol could provide something that their God could not. Therefore the Hebrew prophets were always railing against the worship of false gods. The pages of the Bible are filled with oracles that condemn idolatry.

Now, we might think that idolatry has very little to do with us today. After all we are not inclined to worship gods of wood or stone. Yet the temptation to idolatry remains a real threat to our lives, because at its heart, idolatry is accepting as God something that is not God. It is worshipping a false God, rather than the true God. Although we do not tend to worship idols of wood or stone, every time we accept a false idea of who God is, we create a false God and we engage in idolatry. Such a temptation is real. We are always inclined to create God according to our own image. We would like to believe that God thinks the way we think, that God would make the same choices that we would make, that God would view the issues of the world and evaluate them as we would evaluate them. But the truth is, God is different than us and greater than us. God is pure spirit. God is all-powerful. God is eternal. God does not think the way we think or make the choices that we make. God does not evaluate everything in the world the way we would evaluate it. Yet, every time we try to shrink the idea of God to a size that we can understand or control, we create a false god and engage in idolatry.

The only way to prevent this tendency to create false gods is to constantly remind ourselves that God is transcendent, that God transcends us and the world in which we live. God is greater than anything we can think or imagine. Here is where the feast that we celebrate today, the Feast of the Holy Trinity proves so useful. At the heart of our faith, we believe that God is one. There is only one God. Yet at the same time, we believe that God is three divine persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is impossible for us to imagine how God is the way God is. How is God one and three at the same time. I have no idea. What the Doctrine of the Trinity does is remind us that God is different than us, greater than us. In so doing, the Doctrine of the Trinity asserts the transcendence of God.

All this talk about idolatry and Trinity and transcendence can seem rather remote and heady. Yet believing in the transcendence of God has a number of practical and helpful consequences. Let us mention two. Those who believe in the transcendence of God know that they do not need to understand. They also know that there is nothing we can do to stop God from loving us. For as the Word of God states, "God is love."

Those who believe in the transcendence of God know that they do not need to understand. When something tragic happens in our lives, when we have a miscarriage, when we discover we have cancer, when thousands are killed in an earthquake, when the cruelty of war continues in Ukraine, we desperately want to understand. We want to try to explain how these evils as part of our world. Yet every effort to explain runs the risk of creating a false God. In our efforts to explain, we say, "this happened because God was trying to punish me," or "God was trying to teach a lesson," or "God was angry." All of these explanations do in some sense explain what happened, but they do so at the cost of creating an idol, a god who is different from the way that God is. Those who accept the transcendence of God understand that they do not need to understand. They continue to proclaim a good and saving God even though they do not understand how God can allow these evils to happen in our world. Knowing the transcendence of God, they are more comfortable in saying they do not understand than creating a false god. They accept transcendence over idolatry.

Those who believe in the transcendence of God also know that there is nothing we can do to stop God from loving. God's love is radically different than human love. We love other people because they are good and because they love us in return. God's love is not limited to such categories. When people attack us, abuse us, or manipulate us, our love ceases or are lost for a long time, perhaps never to return. At times we must create boundaries to prevent us from being hurt again. But God's love is different. God's love does not have the limitations of human love, God can and does love everyone. God loves our enemies. God loves us, even when we are wrong, rigid and selfish. God can do this because God is different than us and greater than us. Those who accept the transcendence of God understand that there is nothing we can do to stop God from loving us.

We believe in a transcendent God, in a God who is greater than anything we can think or imagine. This is Good News, because we do not, after all, want a God who is just like us. We want a God who is so good and great that we cannot completely understand God. We want a God whose love is so free and powerful that nothing we can do can stop God from loving us. Such a God is beyond our comprehension. Such a god is no idol. Such a God is not the creation of our best intentions. Such a transcendent God is the only true God – the only God worthy of our love and adoration.

One more thing; let's draw this reflection closer to home and our daily lives as believers. Given the tragic recent history of sex abuse in the church by members of the clergy and other church representatives, we are called to a truthful recognition of our sinfulness and the way people under our care have been victimized. May God be merciful to us sinners?

Secondly, even though we face the present moment as humble sinners, some still treat the Church as if it is God and judge others with an arrogance that is tragic as well. The one, holy, catholic and apostolic church is God's gift to us in Christ but it is not equal to God. And as the scripture tells us, "God is greater than the human heart."

Fr. Bill

Faith and Opportunities



Vacation Bible Schools

As we close out the year for PSR, we are looking forward to Vacation Bible School this summer! We will be hosting Vacation Bible School the week of June 10-14, 2024, and are looking for volunteers to help facilitate!

Please scan the QR code below to register your child(ren) for VBS.

We are seeking volunteers to help lead activities and assist with crafts.

Please contact Jessica Neuhart at (216) 781-5530 or JNeuhart@staugustinecleveland.org for more information.





"Spots are filling up quickly at
Rainbow Camp for summer 2024!
Be sure to register your camper ASAP by
visiting our website, www,StAugustineCleveland.org, to
ensure their spot!

ARC is also seeking staff members, ages 16+, with proficiency in American Sign Language. Contact ARC@staugustinecleveland.org for more information on how to apply.

Camp begins Monday, June 24th and ends on Friday, July 26th Monday-Friday

10 am – 3 pm





Cursillistas will gather for Ultreya on Saturday, June 8th at 10:00 am. Cursillistas are invited to gather, pray, and share personal stories

about living a life in God's Grace on the second Saturday of every month.

Bible Study

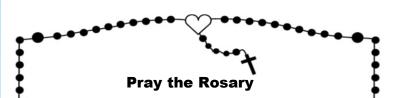
Our weekly group Bible Study will continue this Wednesday in Walsh Hall from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm led by Pat Takacs and Andrea Whinnery Erman.

This will be a ten week session focusing on the source and summit of our Catholic faith, The Eucharist, using course materials from the Augustine Institute. It is a time to come together and connect while being intentional about deepening our understanding of the richness of our tradition and growing in faith together.

Please feel free to come to any of the Wednesday sessions you can make. We will give you the web site to view the previous videos already covered. We find the sharing with each other about our perspective provides a sense of togetherness and joy.

Sign language Interpreter will be present and videos have closed captions. Pizza and refreshments will be provided.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



We invite you to join us **every Monday through Friday** at **6 PM** (Monday through Thursday during Lent) in Church as we pray the rosary. If you are unable to join us in person, we encourage you to join us on our live-stream.



Around the Parish

Say It In Sign

Sign language class for beginners will continue this Wednesday from 12:30 pm until 2 pm in Walsh Hall. For more information, please contact Robin McMarlin at (216)781-5530 ext. 29 or at RMcMarlin@StAugustineCleveland.org. To register please visit, www.StAugustineCleveland.org.

St. Augustine Signing Choir

The St. Augustine Signing Choir will be taking a short break. Practices will resume during the summer so be sure to keep an eye out for a start date.

For more information on joining the Signing Choir, please contact the parish office at (216) 781-5530.

St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors

St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors will gather in the Deaf Center on Tuesday, May 28th at 10 AM. New members are always welcome.

Cleveland catholic Deaf Center

Don't forget, there is a CCDC General Membership Meeting on June 2, 2024, at 12:30 pm.

Please join us every Sunday after 8:30 am and 11 am masses in the Cleveland Catholic Deaf Center. Coffee, donuts and goodies are available for purchase

Blind Community

Members of the Blind Community invite you to their next gathering on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 12 Noon in Walsh Hall.

The VIPs (Visually Impaired Persons) welcome those with and without visual impairments to participate in their activities. Members of the Blind Community are invited to stay up-to-date with Blind Community and Parish events by calling (216) 635-9215.

LINKS Community for Mental Health

LINKS is a social, recreational and educational ministry of St. Augustine's for persons with Mental Health conditions. LINKS members gather on Wednesdays and Fridays at 3 PM in Walsh Hall.

For more information on our Links program please contact Bob at (216) 781-5530 or Bduda@StAugsutineCleveland.org.

St. Augustine Seniors (50 and over)

The St. Augustine Seniors invite you to their next gathering on Thursday, June 13th at 12 noon in Walsh Hall.



Many thanks to the members of the St. Augustine Bell Choir! Our next rehearsals will be in July, so stay tuned to the bulletin for specific

rehearsal days and times. You do not have to read music to play with us, and we are open to everyone, ages 8-80. Both hearing and deaf persons are invited to join. Contact Bill Shaffer (BShaffer@StAugustineCleveland.org) for more details.

For comments or questions, please email Bill Shaffer at Bshaffer@StAugustineCleveland.org or contact him at (216) 781-5530.



St. Augustine
Community Cupboard
and Closet provides nonperishable food items, personal
hygiene, cleaning, pet food, and
clothing items to those in need.

The Cupboard and Closet is open **open** on **Saturdays** from **11 AM - 3 PM.**

Volunteers are greatly needed while we are open and during our closed hours to help sort and stock and help shoppers on Saturdays.

For more information or to volunteer please contact the Anthony Camino at (216) 781-5530 or email, ACamino@StaugustineCleveland.org

We have also created an Amazon Wish List which can be found on our parish website, www.StAugustineCleveland.org.

Community Closet and Cupboard Highlights by the Numbers

- ♦ Served 950 in the month of February, 1,192 in the month of March, and 1,074 in the month of April.
- ♦ In the month of February we helped 193 new families, 201 during the month of March and in April 175 new friends came to us in need.



Reflections

The Development of the Doctrine of Trinity

The oldest doctrinal formulation of the Church's belief in the Trinity is found in the Apostles' Creed which has served as the basis of instruction for catechumens and as the Baptismal confession of Faith since the second century. Later, the Nicene Creed, originating at the Council of Nicaea (AD 325), stated the doctrine more explicitly. This creed was introduced into our Western liturgy by the regional council of Toledo in AD 589. God has revealed to us three separate functions that are carried out by the Three Persons. He has told us that it is proper to attribute to God the Father the work of creation, to God the Son the work of Redemption and to God the Holy Spirit the work of Sanctification. Our knowledge of God as Trinity is made possible by God, who has chosen to be revealed as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As Father, God has brought forth the created universe, including our own being. As Son, Jesus has made known a God who hears our cries, who cares, who counts the hairs on our head and who loves us so passionately that He became one of us in order to suffer for our sins, and even to die for us. As Spirit, God remains with us and within us.

Stewardship Reflection

"The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ..." - Romans 8:16-17

If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn't we work to build up His kingdom? Shouldn't we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us? Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God. Do we treat it that way?

"...When God is in it."

A Quaker pastor remembers the insight he learned from a woman who was part of the meeting he once pastored: "[This] elderly woman had committed herself to works of mercy. As I got to know her better, I was astounded at the many ways in which she had blessed hurting people. Though her income was modest, she lived simply so she could give generously. Though her many commitments kept her calendar full, she still found time to be present for those who needed comfort. The longer I knew her, the more I marveled at her charity, given the scarcity of her resources. Because of her humility, she was reluctant to talk with others about her own accomplishments. But one day she let slip the principle that guided her life, when she said to me, 'Little is much when God is in it.'

"I have thought of that many times since, appreciating its truth more and more as the years pass. Little does become much when love is present. Love does magnify our works. Jesus knew this.

He knew even the smallest gesture of love could trans- form the darkest situation and so fully committed himself to divine love that we are still awed by his life. Believe me when I tell you this: We can be like him, and like all the other God-bearers our world has known . . . We can be like him when we say yes to the Divine Presence that is also in us, as thoroughly as we are able. As we do that, our lives, and the lives of others, will be transformed. God's joy will be in us, and our joy will be full." [From The Evolution of Faith: How God Is Creating a Better Christianity by Philip Gulley.]

Today's solemnity of the Holy Trinity celebrates the many ways God makes his presence known in our lives, in the manifestations of his love in our lives and our world. This Sunday of the Trinity invites us to look with a new awareness to behold God in our midst: God is the Father and Creator of all life, including our very selves, who fashions every molecule and atom that nurtures and sustains our lives. God is the Son and the Brother, the Redeemer who teaches us the unfathomable love of the God we seek. God is the Spirit of that love that creates and enables us to break out of the isolation that entraps us and become family and community. May this Solemnity of the Trinity reawaken our senses and our consciousness to behold God's love in our lives, making even the "little" into "much" that is holy and sacred.

Diocesan Events

50^{t0h} Wedding Jubilee Mass

The jubilee anniversary Mass for couples married 50 years will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on Sunday, June 9, 2024 at 2 pm. We will celebrate with all couples married in 1974. Everyone is invited and may bring family. Doors open at 1:30 pm. Registration is not required.

If you need additional information please call Mary Fugate at (216) 696-6525 ext. 3500 or visit,

https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/events/events/2024/06/09/50th-wedding-jubilee-mass

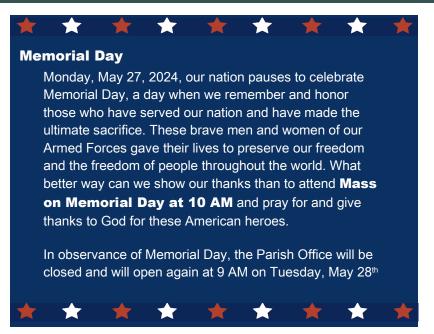
Memorial Day Masses

The Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Diocese of Cleveland invites everyone to join in Memorial Day Mass at the Catholic cemeteries, honoring those who gave their lives serving God and country. Masses will be held outdoors, except where noted (bring a lawn chair!) on Monday, May 27th, at 10:00 A.M. at:

- All Saints, 480 W. Highland Rd., Northfield (Nativity Mausoleum)
- ♣ Calvary, 10000 Miles Ave., Cleveland
- † Holy Cross (14609 Brookpark Rd., Brook Park)

Go to www.clecem.org (events) for more info and a complete listing of cemeteries where Masses will be celebrated.

Parish Calendar and Events



Tremont Arts Festival- Help Needed

The popular arts festival is scheduled on the weekend of September 21st and 22nd, and St. Augustine will have a presence. For many years, we've operated a food booth in Lincoln Park, and we're looking for additional people to staff our booth. Can you help anytime that weekend? Please contact Anthony Camino at acamino@staugustinecleveland.org or 216-781-5530 ext. 13 to learn more.



On the Lighter Side



Zen Master Has A Hotdog: The Zen master steps up to the hot dog cart and says: "Make me one with everything." The hot dog vendor fixes a hot dog and hands it to the Zen master, who pays with a \$20 bill. The hot dog vendor puts the bill in the cash drawer and closes the drawer. "Where's my change?" asks the Zen master. The hot dog vendor responds: "Change must come from within."

This week at St. Augustine

Monday, May 27, 2024 10:00 am: Mass (Church)

7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Tuesday, May 28, 2024 9:30 am: AA Meeting (Walsh)

10:00 am: St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors

2:30 pm: Guiding Point After School Program (2nd Floor)

5:30 pm: Mass (Church) 6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)

7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

12:30 pm: Sign Class for Beginners (Walsh Hall)

2:30 pm: Guiding Point After School Program (2nd Floor)

3:00 pm: Links 5:30 pm: Mass

6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

6:30 pm: Signing Hands

6:30 pm: Bible Study (Walsh Hall)

Thursday, May 30, 2024

2:30 pm: Guiding Point After School Program (2nd Floor)

5:30 pm: Mass (Church) 6:00 pm: Rosary (Church) 7:00 pm: Boy Scouts (2nd Floor) 7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Friday, May 31, 2024

3:00 pm: Links 5:30 pm: Mass (Church) 6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)

7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

Saturday, Jume 1, 2024

11:00 am – 3:00 pm: Community Cupboard and Closet

4:15 pm: Mass (Church) Sunday, June 2, 2024 8:30 am: Mass (Church) 11:00 am: Mass (Church)

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Priest Deacon	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.PP.S (H) Deacon Chris DePenti			
Lectors	Steve Slywczuk	Ed Zubek	Karen Halupnik Alana Ortiz			
Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament	Helen Bencic Theresa Fallon Calvin White	Bob Duda Lin Janson Joe Lewandowski	Nora Kowalchik Frank Scialabba			
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Lectors Rick Toth		Matthew Cook	Jeannie Rawlings Pat Takacs			
Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament	Lin Janson Theresa Ortiz	David Murray Maria Rivera	Karen Halupnik Priscilla Treska			